

Please substitute the following paragraph at page 4, lines 17-24 to read as follows:

A further aspect of the subject invention concerns the identification of helper factor(s) which, when present in *Pasteuria* growth medium, facilitate the *in vitro* growth of the *Pasteuria*. In one embodiment, the helper factor is a microorganism. A specific isolate of this helper factor has been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection and has been assigned the deposit number ATCC PTA-2324. In a further embodiment, the helper factor is a chemical compound which, when present in the *Pasteuria* growth medium, facilitates the *in vitro* growth of *Pasteuria*. Specifically exemplified herein is the helper factor designated HF-1 which can be obtained from the culture designated ATCC PTA-2324.

Please substitute the following paragraph at page 8, lines 8-12 to read as follows:

A further aspect of the subject invention pertains to the motile rod organisms which are associated with the ability of the *Pasteuria* to grow *in vitro*. A culture of the microbes has been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110-2209. The deposit has been assigned accession number ATCC No. PTA-2324 by the repository and was deposited on August 2, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 6, 8, 12-27, 29 and 30.

Please amend the following claims:

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